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SUBJECT: DRUG ABUSE CONTROL: SCHURMANN VISIT

REF: GENEVA 51 (NOT SENT BANGKOK)

1. SUMMARY: SCHURMANN LEFT JAKARTA MARCH 9 AFTER WELL-PUBLICIZED, WELL- RECEIVED FIVE- DAY VISIT CONCENTRATING ON DISCUSSIONS WITH INDONESIAN EXPERTS IN ENFORCEMENT AND ADDICT TREATMENT. IN PRESS CONFERENCE HE SAID DRUG PROBLEM IN INDONESIA NOT YET SERIOUS BUT BEARS WATCHING.

2. POL COUNSELOR CALLED ON SCHURMANN JUST BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE TO PAY RESPECTS AND EXCHANGE IMPRESSIONS. SCHURMANN CONFIRMED IN PRIVATE HIS PUBLICLY- STATED VIEW THAT DRUG PROBLEM NOT YET SERIOUS IN INDONESIA AND CONSISTED MAINLY OF MARIJUANA USE. SAID HE WAS IMPRESSED WITH PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCE AND DEDICATION OF ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS, ESPECIALLY GENERAL SOEKARDJO AND COLONEL SIBARANI, BUT DISTURBED AT TERRIBLE INADEQUACY OF ADDICT TREATMENT PROGRAMS AND FACILITIES. HE SAID ATTORNEY GENERAL' S OFFICE HAD CONFIRMED THAT DRAFTING OF MODERN
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ANTI- NARCOTICS LEGISLATION IS MOVING ALONG WELL AND SHOULD SOON BE PASSED INTO LAW.

3. SCHURMANN SAID FUAD HASSAN DIRECTOR OF INSTITUTE FOR STRATEGIC STUDIES, WHICH HAS CLOSE DEFENSE AND SECURITY SERVICES TIES, TOLD HIM HE CONSIDERING PUTTING ALL ADDICTS ON AN ISOLATED ISLAND WHERE THEY WOULD BE REASONABLY WELL TREATED BUT TOTALLY CUT OFF FROM ANY SOURCE OF DRUGS. FUAD HASSAN SAID THIS WAS ONLY REALISTIC WAY TO PREVENT RECIDIVISM. SCHURMANN SAID PRIVATELY HE DID NOT ENCOURAGE THIS PROJECT AND SAW IN IT POSSIBILITY OF POLITICAL MISCHIEF.

4. SCHURMANN SAID UN PLANNED TO SEND UN REGIONAL ADVISER ON NARCOTICS TO SOUTHEAST ASIA AND HAD SOUNDED OUT SINGAPORE AS BASE. SAID TOP SINGAPOREAN ENFORCEMENT OFFICIAL SAID SMUGLY SINGAPORE HAS NO NEED FOR ASSISTANCE AND DID NOT WELCOME SCHURMANN' S PROPOSAL THAT THIS REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE BE BASED THERE. SCHURMANN SAID INDONESIANS MOST ANXIOUS TO HAVE HIM BASED IN JAKARTA AND HE IS SERIOUSLY CONSIDERING RECOMMENDING THIS EVEN THOUGH JAKARTA IS NEITHER CENTRAL POINT NOR IMPORTANT LOCUS OF PROBLEM.

5. SCHURMANN SAID HE HAD ASKED INDONESIANS TO CONTRIBUTE TO UNITED NATIONS FUND FOR DRUG ABUSE CONTROL, NOTING IMPORTANCE OF GETTING AS MANY COUNTRIES INVOLVED AS POSSIBLE. INDONESIANS SAID THEY WILLING TO HELP BUT HAD GREAT BUDGETARY PROBLEMS AND ASKED WHAT WOULD BE SMALLEST POSSIBLE ACCEPTABLE CONTRIBUTION.

6. SCHURMANN SAID HE DOES NOT EXPECT TO BE IN CURRENT POSITION MUCH LONGER BECAUSE SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM IS LOOKING FOR A YOUNGER MAN AS HIS PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR DRUG ABUSE CONTROL.

7. SCHURMANN COMMENTED WARMLY ON HIS EXCELLENT RELATIONS WITH US MISSION GENEVA AND HIS REGARD FOR DEDICATION OF AMERICANS WITH WHOM HE HAD WORKED AROUND THE WORLD ON DRUG ABUSE CONTROL. POUCHING CLIPPINGS OF HIS PRESS CONFERENCE TO EA/ RA DEPARTMENT AND MAILING TO HIM PRSONALLY AT GENEVA.

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